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SPECIFICATIONS FOR A SURVEY  
of  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES  
ENGAGED IN FOREIGN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

I. OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY: To provide a definitive analysis of the nature and extent of the total foreign economic activities of the United States Government for the purpose of determining:

1. What facilities and arrangements exist which are, or could be employed for the purpose of meeting the total foreign economic intelligence requirements of the government.
2. The extent to which such facilities and arrangements are adequate for the purpose stated in 1 above.
3. The extent to which such facilities and arrangements can be mobilized more effectively in support of the purpose stated in 1 above.
4. The extent to which additional facilities and arrangements must be provided, and if so, what kind, how large, where should they be established, to do what kind of job, under what policies, procedures, functional direction and control.

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III. DEFINITIONS: The following definitions are set forth in order to clarify the objectives and intent of the survey.

1. Economic data are those falling within the categories listed in Appendix A.
2. Foreign Economic Activities: are those which involve
  - a. The formulation of foreign economic policies.
  - b. The planning of foreign economic measures.
  - c. The execution of foreign economic measures.
  - d. Governmental assistance in the promotion of private import and export trade.
  - e. The production of reports and analyses of foreign economic data in support of the activities listed under 2 a, b, c, and d above.
  - f. The processing of foreign economic data for any of the above purposes including its collection, translation, cataloguing, indexing and filing, publication and dissemination.
  - g. The coordination of effort between agencies and departments on any phase of foreign economic activities as set forth above.
3. Facilities: are intended to include:
  - a. Organic units established within departments or agencies.
  - b. Interdepartmental ad hoc and permanent boards, committees, commissions, etc.
  - c. Governmental libraries, files, archives and other custodial facilities wherein foreign economic data may exist.

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4. Arrangements: are intended to include:
  - a. Interdepartmental agreements including exchange of data, and support services.
  - b. Interdepartmental coordinating responsibilities and mechanisms.
  - c. Governmental agreements, contractual or otherwise, with private individuals, corporations, academic institutions, or other private research organizations.
  - d. Governmental agreements with other foreign governments.

III. SCOPE OF THE SURVEY 1/

1. The identification of each component of the several governmental departments and agencies engaged in specified phases of foreign economic activity as defined in Section II above.
2. A statement of the specific mission, detailed functions, personnel qualifications and T/O strength of such components.
3. A detailed description of the sources, nature and scope of the kinds of foreign economic data processed by such components.

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1/ It should be noted that the Scope of the Survey is limited at this stage to the collection and collation of the data required under paragraph 1b of NSC Action #282. The analytical phase leading toward fulfillment of objectives cited in Section I herein will proceed subsequent to formulation and coordination of foreign economic intelligence requirements.

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4. A detailed statement of the requirements of such components in terms of raw and processed foreign economic data for specified purposes.

5. A detailed description, by categories and frequency of issue, of the various types of foreign economic studies and reports produced by such components.

6. A detailed statement of "arrangements" currently in effect by each component as defined in Paragraph 4 of Section II above.

7. Comments and recommendations pertaining to economic requirements and activities.

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APPENDIX A

CATEGORIES OF ECONOMIC DATA

1. Economic Organization
2. Manpower and population (numbers; quality; health; education; facilities for improvement)
3. Food and agriculture
4. Fish and fish products
5. Forests and forest products
6. Mining and mineral products
7. Fuels
8. Electric power
9. Manufacturing
10. Transportation systems
11. Telecommunications systems
12. International trade and finance.
13. Currency and banking
14. Government finance
15. National wealth and income
16. General economic indices

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